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FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS TOP QUARTER BILLION

An unprecedented \$265 million will be made available this year to help finance state fish and wildlife restoration programs, Secretary of the Interior Don Hodel announced today.

In making the announcement, Hodel thanked America's hunters and anglers for supporting these conservation programs. "Once again, hunters and fishermen have made record contributions to state fish and wildlife restoration efforts through the Federal excise taxes they pay on hunting and fishing equipment, and motorboat fuel," Hodel said.

The money is distributed to states, commonwealths, territories, and the District of Columbia under the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration (Pittman-Robertson) Act and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson) Act. Both of these Federal Aid programs are administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Fish and Wildlife Service Director Frank Dunkle said the "record apportionment is good news for state fish and wildlife programs. This investment by hunters, fishermen, and supporting industries results in many wildlife enhancement activities that benefit all Americans."

Wildlife restoration funds under the Pittman-Robertson program total \$109.9 million for fiscal year 1988. These funds are derived from an 11-percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition and certain archery equipment, and a 10-percent tax on pistols and revolvers. The money

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typically is used by state wildlife agencies to assist their habitat acquisition, development and management programs, and to help fund wildlife research projects. One-half of the tax on handguns and archery equipment is used for state hunter education programs.

Sport fish restoration funds from the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund total \$155.7 million this year, and include \$102.2 million in expanded tax receipts. Typical sport fish restoration projects include acquiring, developing or maintaining fish habitat, improving fishing and boating access, and conducting management oriented fishery research.

Federal sport fish restoration funds come from a 10-percent excise tax on fishing tackle and tackle boxes, a 3-percent excise tax on electric outboard motors and flasher type fish finders, a portion of the Federal motorboat fuel tax, and import duties on sport fishing equipment and pleasure boats.

The Wallop-Breaux amendment requires states to obligate at least 10 percent of their annual apportionment for access to fishable waters by motorboat users. They may obligate up to an additional 10 percent in these expanded funds for aquatic resources education programs. In coastal States, expanded funds must be allocated to marine and freshwater projects proportional to the number of coastal and freshwater anglers estimated to reside in the State.

Distribution of sport fish restoration funds to the states is based on the land and water area and the number of fishing license holders in each state. Distribution of wildlife restoration funds is based on land area and the number of hunting license holders in each State. Distribution of hunter education funds, part of the wildlife restoration total, is based on the relative population of each state.

The final apportionment announced today represents the total funding available to each state for fiscal year 1988 under the Dingell-Johnson and Pittman-Robertson programs. This total reflects \$85 million in additional funding since the preliminary apportionment was announced in September 1987.

The attached tables show the distribution of 1988 funds by state.

FINAL APPORTIONMENT OF
FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1988

	WILDLIFE RESTORATION	HUNTER EDUCATION	TOTAL
ALABAMA	1,542,996	401,541	1,944,537
ALASKA	4,645,000	170,000	4,815,000
ARIZONA	2,220,859	280,544	2,501,403
ARKANSAS	1,620,533	170,000	1,790,533
CALIFORNIA	3,690,586	510,000	4,200,586
COLORADO	2,376,246	298,192	2,674,438
CONNECTICUT	464,500	320,771	785,271
DELAWARE	464,500	170,000	634,500
FLORIDA	1,555,303	510,000	2,065,303
GEORGIA	1,976,299	510,000	2,486,299
HAWAII	464,500	170,000	634,500
IDAHO	1,890,335	170,000	2,060,335
ILLINOIS	1,707,781	510,000	2,217,781
INDIANA	1,322,425	510,000	1,832,425
IOWA	1,483,824	300,726	1,784,550
KANSAS	1,771,608	243,935	2,015,543
KENTUCKY	1,455,765	377,941	1,833,706
LOUISIANA	1,734,797	433,943	2,168,740
MAINE	1,065,986	170,000	1,235,986
MARYLAND	645,757	435,231	1,080,988
MASSACHUSETTS	464,500	510,000	974,500
MICHIGAN	3,454,293	510,000	3,964,293
MINNESOTA	2,635,439	420,852	3,056,291
MISSISSIPPI	1,516,779	260,186	1,776,965
MISSOURI	2,444,046	507,589	2,951,635
MONTANA	2,851,877	170,000	3,021,877
NEBRASKA	1,560,376	170,000	1,730,376
NEVADA	1,781,375	170,000	1,951,375
NEW HAMPSHIRE	464,500	170,000	634,500
NEW JERSEY	484,282	510,000	994,282
NEW MEXICO	2,203,379	170,000	2,373,379
NEW YORK	2,934,300	510,000	3,444,300
NORTH CAROLINA	1,695,476	510,000	2,205,476
NORTH DAKOTA	1,307,201	170,000	1,477,201
OHIO	1,913,920	510,000	2,423,920
OKLAHOMA	1,675,605	312,275	1,987,880
OREGON	2,417,599	271,749	2,689,348
PENNSYLVANIA	3,942,296	510,000	4,452,296
RHODE ISLAND	464,500	170,000	634,500
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,021,719	321,971	1,343,690
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,598,182	170,000	1,768,182
TENNESSEE	2,256,929	473,867	2,730,796
TEXAS	4,645,000	510,000	5,155,000
UTAH	1,852,522	170,000	2,022,522
VERMONT	471,092	170,000	641,092
VIRGINIA	1,886,571	510,000	2,396,571
WASHINGTON	1,756,861	426,324	2,183,185
WEST VIRGINIA	1,229,563	170,000	1,399,563
WISCONSIN	2,884,948	485,695	3,370,643
WYOMING	1,901,438	170,000	2,071,438
PUERTO RICO	464,500	0	464,500
GUAM	154,833	56,667	211,500
VIRGIN ISLANDS	154,833	56,667	211,500
AMERICAN SAMOA	154,833	56,667	211,500
MARIANA ISLANDS	154,833	56,667	211,500
TOTAL	\$92,900,000	\$17,000,000	\$109,900,000

FINAL APPORTIONMENT OF
FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH RESTORATION FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1988

	<u>BASE FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPANDED FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ALABAMA	899,965	1,719,185	2,619,150
ALASKA	2,675,000	5,110,000	7,785,000
ARIZONA	1,166,091	2,227,560	3,393,651
ARKANSAS	945,866	1,806,869	2,752,735
CALIFORNIA	2,675,000	5,110,000	7,785,000
COLORADO	1,337,584	2,555,161	3,892,745
CONNECTICUT	535,000	1,022,000	1,557,000
DELAWARE	535,000	1,022,000	1,557,000
FLORIDA	1,201,682	2,295,549	3,497,231
GEORGIA	1,081,636	2,066,229	3,147,865
HAWAII	535,000	1,022,000	1,557,000
IDAHO	904,671	1,728,175	2,632,846
ILLINOIS	1,128,858	2,156,434	3,285,292
INDIANA	842,105	1,608,658	2,450,763
IOWA	782,134	1,494,095	2,276,229
KANSAS	792,263	1,513,444	2,305,707
KENTUCKY	883,690	1,688,097	2,571,787
LOUISIANA	857,838	1,638,712	2,496,550
MAINE	535,000	1,022,000	1,557,000
MARYLAND	535,000	1,022,000	1,557,000
MASSACHUSETTS	535,000	1,022,000	1,557,000
MICHIGAN	2,005,272	3,830,632	5,835,904
MINNESOTA	1,934,278	3,695,014	5,629,292
MISSISSIPPI	742,222	1,417,852	2,160,074
MISSOURI	1,383,605	2,643,074	4,026,679
MONTANA	1,210,046	2,311,526	3,521,572
NEBRASKA	707,557	1,351,631	2,059,188
NEVADA	823,536	1,573,184	2,396,720
NEW HAMPSHIRE	535,000	1,022,000	1,557,000
NEW JERSEY	535,000	1,022,000	1,557,000
NEW MEXICO	965,137	1,843,683	2,808,820
NEW YORK	1,354,315	2,587,120	3,941,435
NORTH CAROLINA	777,522	1,485,284	2,262,806
NORTH DAKOTA	580,978	1,109,832	1,690,810
OHIO	1,417,584	2,707,982	4,125,566
OKLAHOMA	1,000,491	1,911,218	2,911,709
OREGON	1,280,686	2,446,469	3,727,155
PENNSYLVANIA	1,342,077	2,563,744	3,905,821
RHODE ISLAND	535,000	1,022,000	1,557,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	605,408	1,156,498	1,761,906
SOUTH DAKOTA	650,561	1,242,753	1,893,314
TENNESSEE	951,457	1,817,550	2,769,007
TEXAS	2,675,000	5,110,000	7,785,000
UTAH	895,799	1,711,227	2,607,026
VERMONT	535,000	1,022,000	1,557,000
VIRGINIA	838,682	1,602,117	2,440,799
WASHINGTON	1,211,853	2,314,978	3,526,831
WEST VIRGINIA	535,000	1,022,000	1,557,000
WISCONSIN	1,842,285	3,519,281	5,361,566
WYOMING	817,601	1,561,848	2,379,449
PUERTO RICO	535,000	1,022,000	1,557,000
GUAM	178,333	340,667	519,000
VIRGIN ISLANDS	178,333	340,667	519,000
AMERICAN SAMOA	178,333	340,667	519,000
MARIANA ISLANDS	178,333	340,667	519,000
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	178,333	340,667	519,000
TOTAL	\$53,500,000	\$102,200,000	\$155,700,000